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**Art Unit 1654**

**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Continuation-in-Part Utility Patent Application  
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Preparation and Uses Thereof**  
Inventors: MARTINEZ *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In advance of examination on the merits in the captioned application, and in reply to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. This reply is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.